



*The Office of the Governor*

**THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
STATE OF IDAHO  
BOISE

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2006-09**

**ESTABLISHING THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR FAMILIES AND CHILDREN**

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*WHEREAS, fostering the success of State, local and non-profit programs that benefit families and children is a top priority of the State of Idaho;*

*WHEREAS, many of these programs may have similar or identical missions;*

*WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the families and children of the State of Idaho to coordinate these programs, while also ensuring that local control is retained;*

*WHEREAS, greater coordination will allow for an accurate inventory of existing programs along with an increased understanding of the needs and services available for families and children; and*

*WHEREAS, access to accurate information will allow the Governor and the Legislature to have the best information of the needs and services of families and children when prioritizing among different programs.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, DIRK KEMPTHORNE, Governor of the State of Idaho, by the authority vested in me under the Idaho Constitution and the laws of the State of Idaho, do hereby order:*

*The establishment of the “Executive Office for Families and Children,” within the Office of the Governor.*

*The administrator of the Executive Office for Families and Children shall be the official in the State designated to oversee the coordination of those services and programs promoting the well-being of families and children in Idaho.*

*The Administrator shall be appointed by the Governor.*

*The duties, powers and authorities of the Executive Office for Families and Children shall include:*

- A. Coordinating all boards, councils, commissions, and initiatives as recommended by the Governor, within the Executive Office of the Governor with duties and responsibilities affecting families and children, including but not limited to:*
- (i) Governor’s Coordinating Council for Families and Children;*
  - (ii) Governor’s Council on Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention;*
  - (iii) Early Childhood Coordinating Council;*
  - (iv) Parents as Teachers;*
  - (v) Idaho Women’s Commission;*
  - (vi) Faith Based Liaisons;*
  - (vii) Serve Idaho;*
  - (viii) Suicide Prevention Advisory Council;*
  - (ix) Idaho’s Brightest Stars Initiative;*
  - (x) Día de los Niños/Day of the Child Initiative.*

- B. *Identify and recommend programs and policies for a comprehensive delivery of effective, efficient and integrated services for families and children, including:*
- (i) *Promoting implementation of multi-agency strategic budgeting, common performance measures, and coordination of services;*
  - (ii) *Promoting an interagency funding system for the delivery of integrated services;*
  - (iii) *Addressing State strategies, priorities and outcome measures to meet the needs of children.*
- C. *Cooperating and consulting with State agencies and departments on programs, policies and issues involving families and children, including but not limited to, the Department of Health and Welfare, Department of Corrections, Department of Juvenile Corrections, the State Department of Education and the Department of Commerce and Labor;*
- D. *Participating in national, regional and statewide efforts to cooperatively address issues and policies affecting families and children in Idaho;*
- E. *Developing a State plan for promoting the well-being of families and children in Idaho in conjunction with cities and counties, faith based and community organizations, State councils, boards and commissions, State agencies and departments, and federal organizations;*
- F. *Serving as a repository of agreements and plans concerning programs for families and children from community organizations and other relevant local, State and federal agencies and facilitating the exchange of this information and data with relevant interstate and intrastate entities;*
- G. *Provide input and comment on community, tribal and federal plans, agreements and polices relating to families and children;*
- H. *Serving as an advocate for the families and children of Idaho and directing the people of Idaho to the appropriate local, State or federal agency to address issues or concerns related to families or children.*
- I. *Accepting private contributions, federal funds, funds from other public agencies or any other source. The moneys shall be used solely for the purposes provided under this executive order and shall be expended and accounted for as provided by law.*



*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this 27th day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand and six, and of the independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirtieth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred sixteenth.*

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Dirk Kempthorne", written over a horizontal line.

DIRK KEMPTHORNE  
GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ben Ysursa", written over a horizontal line.

BEN YSURSA  
SECRETARY OF STATE